

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of March 8, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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| Sunday | March 8 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am – | Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Monday | March 9 | 3-7 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy |
| Tuesday | March 10 | 10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm – 7 pm – | CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Session Zoom Meeting |
| Wednesday | March 11 | 3-7 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy |
| Thursday | March 12 | 3-7 pm – 4pm – | Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training |
| Friday | March 13 | 3-7 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy |
| Saturday | March 14 | 9 am-5 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy |
| Sunday | March 15 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am – | Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Save the date: | March 10 | 7:00-8:00pm– | Session Zoom Meeting |
| | March 24 | 6:30pm– | Spirits and Spirituality |
| | March 29 | 10:00am– | Fifth Sunday Food Focus |
| | April 3 | 7:00pm– | Good Friday Service |
| | April 4 | 10:30-12:00pm– | Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo |
| | April 5 | 10:00am– | Easter Sunday Service |

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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Gracefully Loved

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
 March 8, 2026

The Order of Worship

March 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us
Kyrie Please join the choir in singing

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 155) Romans 5:1-11
Liturgist, Ed Nickals

ANTHEM Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me
Processionale, *Paris* 1697, arr. K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 95) John 4:7-30

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Gracefully Loved”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
MORECAMBRE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"

OFFERTORY Christus Paradox
PICARDY French carol, arr. Alfred V. Fedak

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE May the Grace of Christ Our Savior
Witt's *Psalm Sacra*, 1715, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him
HYFRYDOL Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1877)
Arr. Don Phillips



Welcome to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church! If you are looking for a church home in Houston, we invite you to unite with St. Luke's. New members are welcomed by the Session following worship each Sunday. Speak to Rev. Harbison after worship if you have any questions.

Sunday School: Children's Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. Pastor Scott Harbison teaches the Youth Group. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. The Adult Sunday School Class is continuing their study of the Old Testament prophets and their books in the Bible. You are invited to join us at 9 a.m. in library for a study of the prophets throughout 2026. Beginning Sunday, March 8, discussions will focus on chapters 1 through 39 of Isaiah. The study text for the class is "From Judgment to Hope" by Walter Brueggemann.

Joys and Concerns are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have an opportunity to mention these verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our St. Luke's Family by Khanh Nguyen and Richard Cabrera.

Drop by the Cookie Room: If you would like to provide cookies for an upcoming Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Cookie Room. **Cookies are provided by** Khanh Nguyen and Richard Cabrera.

The 2026 Flower Calendar and Cookie Sign ups are posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, or cookies after worship, please choose a Sunday and add your name(s) to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for 2 arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

Serving as the Sunday Liturgist is an easy way to participate in the church community. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Save the Date: Check out the back of your bulletin for important upcoming dates and events!

Worship services on YouTube: Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). You can view the published videos on YouTube and on our website. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.

re:MIND Support Group: re:MIND will be hosting a weekly group on Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30pm. Join re:Mind for support and community right here at St. Luke's!